chair in the house—to study Pushtu romances and poetry from the border, taught them by a Pathan orderly who lived with them.

More Hindu still, they were noted for their compassion for the poor and their help for all in need.

At Dhisa, which is a small station in the Scinde desert, they lived somewhat the life of recluses, only appearing after dusk for the evening drive ; and when the General went on inspection duty to Paranpur, seventeen miles distant, his wife would walk out to meet him, and wait for him, sitting beneath the roadside trees. How many exquisite song children were born of those vigils passed alone with the Indian night ?

At Mhow, a larger station, General and Mrs. Nicholson entertained lavishly, and were charming to the whole of society ; but the girl-wife was always noted for her devotion to her husband—full of thought for him, his health, and his comfort; and her *chef-d?cewure* as a painter, as well as her apotheosis as a poet, was a portrait of him. Nevertheless, she was considered a most brilliant

conversa-
tionalist, and people called her the most
interesting woman they had ever met.